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VICAR'S NEW YEARS MESSAGE

We constantly read in various Church Magazines about the dedication of rose windows, improvements of parish halls, etc. etc.. Of course, it indicates the development of the Church work, however, being in this kind of Relocation Center, where we are expected not to stay for ever, we cannot dedicate anything of this sort to Almighty God.

In war time, any nation is bound to be conscious of her racial unity. But, we who believe in God who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, must keep in mind that He is trying to bring them all in this Continent.

America would be dull if only Indians, the original inhabitants are living in it. American civilization and culture will be and could be unique because if the variety of racial and national backgrounds.

We, the descendants of Japanese race, have to take our share. The fact that we cannot lose our physical identity itself may be a unique contribution to the American civilization. By that, people will be reminded the real Christian interpretation of racial difference "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God,...which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Until people learn how to live together, help each other, and respect and love each other, this world will be a hectic place to live.

The government has been encouraging us to resettle outside among the normal communities, and we have already sent out quite a many families in 1943. More will be going out this year, and one thing those of you have to remember is that you will come across cheap prejudices, misunderstanding and unchristian acts; however, you are the Ambassadors of Christ, who alone will win the world. Keep His spirit as you meet the people. As we start 1944, let us remember in our prayers our 38 boys from the Church of the Holy Apostles in the armed services, sixty odd number of students and hundreds of people who are living outside for the glory of God. The Church is trying to help more people this year, to meet the spiritual and physical needs both inside and outside of the Relocation Centers.

Again, we are called this year to take part in the Divine Enterprise to prepare men and women, so that although we cannot dedicate any ornaments or churchbuildings, we can dedicate more souls to Him as reasonable, holy and LIVING sacrifices.

COLLECT

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meeting of the Young Matron's Club, Jan. 9, 2:00 P. M.

APPOINTMENT The Rev. Joseph M. Kitagawa has been appointed by The Rt. Rev. Wm. P. Remmington, Bishop of the Missionary District of Eastern Oregon, as the priest in charge of resettled and scattered Japanese in the district of Eastern Oregon.

FRESHMEN ELECT SHOJI Joseph T. Shoji and R. W. Summern were elected Tuesday, December 14th as freshmen representatives to the Board of Controls, at the Hobart College in Geneva, New York.

VESTRY MEETING In order to make plans for the New Year, a vestry meeting will be held at the Church Office, 22-3-D, from 7:15 P. M. Wednesday, January 12th.

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF MEETING A meeting of the Church School Staff will be held Friday, January 14th from 7:15 P. M. at the Church Office 22-3-D.

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SERVICES

WEST END		EAST END	
Holy Eucharist, 7:00 A. M.	Rec. 10, Fr. Kitagawa	Holy Eucharist, 7:00 A. M.	Blk.32-12 Fr. Shoji
Holy Eucharist, 8:00 A. M.	Rec. 10, Fr. Kitagawa	Holy Eucharist, 9:30 A. M.	Blk.32-12 Fr. Kitagawa
Church School, 10:45 A. M.	Rec. 10, F. Watanabe	Church School, 10:30 A. M.	Blk.32-12 M. Tahara

IN THE MAILBAG

Florence Anazawa, William Smith College. . I had an opportunity to address a Girls' Friendly Society Diocesan Convention in Rochester two Sundays ago. Grace was scheduled to go but at the last minute some complications set in and so I went as the "pinch hitter". There were about 150 girls and a great number of older women advisors of the different groups and of course all the clergy of the Episcopal churches of Rochester. I've a letter from the convention group as a whole asking for the names of girls with whom the member of the G. F. S. could correspond.

Negro Branch wants

1 girl	16 yr.
2 girls	14 yr.
1 girl	12 yr.

Newark, N. Y. wants

2 girls	12-14 yr.

Rochester, N. Y. wants

2 girls	11-13 yr.

Another group wants

1 girl	11 yr.
1 girl	15 yr.

(Girls interested write to Florence Anazawa, 10 College Ave., Geneva, N. Y.)

The Rev. Granville Mercer Williams, SSJE, Father Superior sends his good wishes for a blessed New Year.

New Year Greetings sent by Pvt. John Kakehashi, Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Sister Kristin Juanita, OSA Denver, Colorado sends . . The sisters all send greetings of hope and courage for the New Year. May peace come with it for us all.

Kumiko Alice Uchida sends greetings from Kemper Hall

Ruby Okawaki writes: I hope this letter finds you and the church members enjoying the best of health and luck. As for myself, I am quite busy preparing for the socials for the holidays. It was quite a surprise to hear Father Dai's voice over the telephone the other week when he was passing by here on his way to Denver. . . I heard from Yori the other day, and she and I plan to call on the Fujimoto's some day. It is very interesting to receive your church paper. It is great joy to learn about our friends. With my best regards to everyone.